

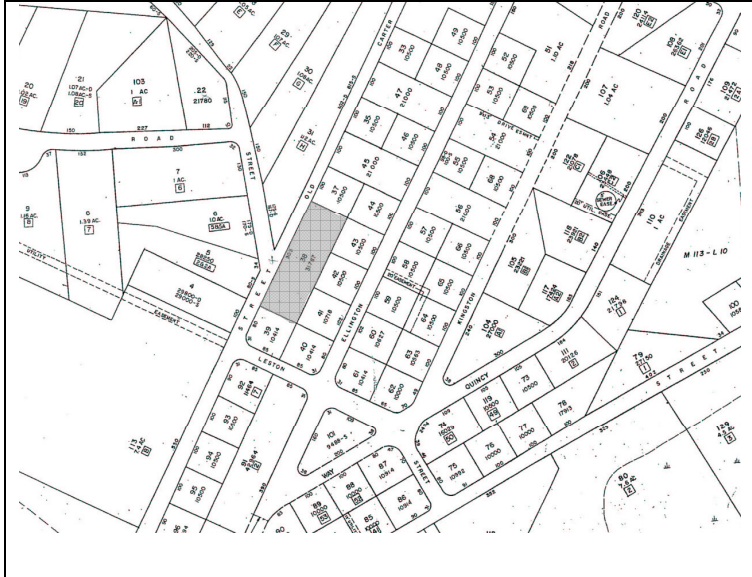
FORM B – BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
MASSACHUSETTS ARCHIVES BUILDING
220 MORRISSEY BOULEVARD
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02125

Photograph



Topographic or Assessor's Map



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Town: Tewksbury

Place: (*neighborhood or village*)

Address: 27 Carter Street

Historic Name: Gilbert French Homestead

Uses: Present: Single Family Residential

Original: Single Family Residential

Date of Construction: 1875-6

Source: Historic Maps, Atlases & Deeds

Style/Form: Italianate

Architect/Builder:

Exterior Material:

Foundation: Granite

Wall/Trim: Vinyl Siding/wood shingles

Roof: Asphalt Shingles

Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:

Major Alterations (*with dates*):

Possibly contains portions of an older house on this site dating to 1816.

Condition: Fair

Moved: no | X | yes | | **Date** _____

Acreage: 0.73 Acres

Setting: Located in a formerly rural area developed in the second half of the 20th century as a suburban residential area.

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TEWKSBURY

27 CARTER STREET

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___ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

If checked, you must attach a completed National Register Criteria Statement form.

Use as much space as necessary to complete the following entries, allowing text to flow onto additional continuation sheets.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Describe architectural features. Evaluate the characteristics of this building in terms of other buildings within the community.

The large Italianate house at 27 Carter Street is T-shaped in plan. The two-and-a-half story main house and the one-and-a-half story side (south) ell are connected to a one- story two-car garage at the rear (east). The five by two building rest on a granite foundation. The side gable roof is sheathed in asphalt shingles. Two chimneys pierce the ridge of the main roof; a third chimney is an interior end chimney in the side ell. The side ell is three by two bays. The walls of the dwelling are clad in vinyl siding, but the walls of the perpendicular garage are clad in unpainted wood shingles. Character defining features of the Italianate farmhouse include the twin interior chimneys and the symmetrical façade. A secondary entrance is located in the southernmost bay of the side ell's south facade. Typical fenestration is 6/6 replacement sash windows. The house is similar in design to the house at 142 Carter Street (MHC#).

HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

Discuss the history of the building. Explain its associations with local (or state) history. Include uses of the building, and the role(s) the owners/occupants played within the community.

The land on Carter Street north of East Street was owned in the early 19th century by Silas (1788-1851) and Lucy (1797-1865) Carter. Silas and Lucy married c 1816 and had nine children including Martha Ann (b1836) and Gilbert (b1833). In 1876 Martha French deed the French farm to her brother Gilbert. It is possible that a portion of the earlier French farmhouse forms a part of the current dwelling; an internal investigation might reveal an early 19th cen. construction date. Given its Italianate Style, the current farmhouse (or a remodel of the older dwelling) was constructed c1876 by Gilbert French.

Gilbert French left the farm to Martin and William Lewis in 1887. As the Lewis boys were children the farm was held for them by their uncle Augustus Tappan. The Lewis' owned the house, barn, the 25 acre homestead lot, and two additional lots totaling 10 ½ acres in 1890.

In 1909 William Lewis sold the farm to Clara Sexton. Clara Sexton owned the farm until 1930 when it was sold to Odina Martel and his wife Agnes.

In 1954 the farm property was subdivided in a plan drawn by Dana F Perkins & Sons Inc for Bessie Resnick of Boston. The subdivision was known as Town Line Park. The subdivision pla laid out the present day Ellington, Kingston, and Quincy Streets.

Subsequent owners include Ralph & Margaret Cormier (1954); Bessie Resnick of Boston (1955); Harry Schlessinger (1957); First Federal Savings & Loan of Lowell (1957-1961); Helen Enger [Ferguson] (1961-1997); and Stephen Enger (1980-2010).

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1865 Map of Tewkesbury with inset.
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Atlas of Middlesex County 1889. Geo H Walker & Co.

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List of Residents by Streets, Ages 17 years and over, In the Town of Tewksbury Mass. As prepared by the Board of Registrars (various years 1965-)
Valuations of the Real and Personal Estate of the Town of Tewksbury.

